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Protocol packets and their transmission. Norman discloses a Local Area Network (LAN). A simple LAN structure and packet data is not the same as an IP structure and packet data. Claim 21 is drawn to an Internet Protocol technology which is outside the scope of the straight forward LAN technology and as such since claim 21 claims an Internet Protocol, the Applicants believe that claim 21 is not anticipated by Norman et al.

With respect to claims 21 and 28, they claim respectively, "wirelessly transmitting, by the first access point, the IP packet to a second access point" and "a second access point connected to the wired network and to the first access point via a second wireless link".

The Examiner indicates that the text at col. 18 lines 3-21 of Norman anticipates the above step and structure.

In Norman the processor 70 of the MU transmits a data packet to the access point 42. If an acknowledgement is not returned, then processor 70 transmits the packet to "another potential access point" (col. 18, line 14).

In claim 21, there is the step of "wirelessly transmitting, by the first access point, the IP packet to a second access point" and in claim 28 there is the structure of "a second access point connected ... and to the first access point via a second wireless link". Norman does not disclose this step or structure. In fact, Norman discloses that the MU sends the packet first to one access point and then the MU sends it to a second access point. The first access point does not send the packet to a second access point and is not connected to the second access point, as the Applicants claim.

Therefore, the Applicants believe that claims 21 and 28 are not anticipated nor suggested by Norman; and, as such, are allowable. The defendant claims are believed allowable by virtue of their dependence upon an allowable base claim.

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Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 21-29. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicants.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Applicants believe that the subject application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicants.

In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

Please charge any fees associated herewith, including extension of time fees, to 13-4771.

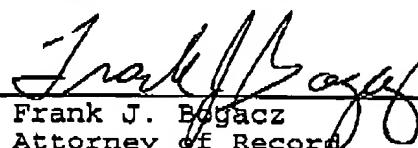
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